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To: Interested Persons
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Subject: Campaign Forms
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An Interested Persons meeting is scheduled for November 13 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the FPPC Commission Hearing room. Legislative amendments and proposed regulatory changes require instruction pages for several forms to be changed. Except for the Form 410, no changes are proposed to the existing forms; only instructions.

Campaign Instruction and Form Proposals

Instruction Pages: Proposed revisions to several campaign form instruction pages are proposed to reflect legislative changes in the Political Reform Act effective in 2013. In addition, at the meeting staff will propose adding instructions to Form 410 to reflect a proposed amendment to FPPC regulation 18401 which will require committees primarily formed for a state ballot measure to list the Attorney General office's identification number.

New instruction pages for Forms 496 and 497 are proposed which results in only one reporting form rather than separate forms for local and state committees. A proposed regulatory change may add the cumulative-to-date total of independent expenditures made to a candidate/measure to the Form 496 description field. No changes to the forms are proposed.

New Form and Form Changes: One new form is proposed to address new reporting requirements for committees making independent expenditures. The Form 410 was revised to ensure that all committees are aware of the requirement to identify the campaign bank account.

The proposed changes include the following forms:

Form 501 - Candidate Statement of Intention
Form 410 - Statement of Organization
Form 496- Independent Expenditure Report
Form 497 - Contribution Report
Form 470 - Officeholder/Candidate Short Form

Form 462 - New Form for reporting independent expenditures.

The legislative and regulatory changes are summarized below:

- Local agencies may adopt electronic filing programs and eliminate paper copies. (AB 2452)

- The definition of late contribution and late independent expenditure was amended to expand the applicable time period from 16 days to 90 days before all state and local elections. (AB 481)
- Most individuals seeking a political party central committee position will no longer file campaign reports. (AB 2191)
- A principal officer must sign a verification form with the FPPC stating that a communication reported as an independent expenditure meets the legal standards and there has been no reimbursement. (AB 481)
- New fee for recipient committees. (SB 1001)
- Addition of the AG's ID number when a ballot measure is in the qualification stage. (FPPC Reg. 18401)
- A cumulative total-to-date added to the description field of Form 496. (FPPC Reg. 18550)